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AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A REGIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS STUDY

1. ON JUNE 24, 1977 MM. DAMIBA PIERRE-CLAVER, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (BOAD -A FRANCOPHONE INSTITUTION LOCATED IN LOME), PAUL KAYA, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF THE ENTENTE GUARANTY FUND, AND MOUSSA N'GOM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (CEAO) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT AT THE ENTENTE FUND'S HEADQUARTERS IN ABIDJAN TO FINANCE JOINTLY A REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS STUDY.

2. THE STUDY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY A FRENCH FIRM, UNCLASSIFIED

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SOFRECOM, TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AMONG THE MEMBER STATES OF THE THREE ORGANIZATION. ESTIMATED COST OF THE STUDY IS 30 MILLION CFA(APPROXIMATELY 121,000 DOLLARS AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE). FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COST WILL BE BORNE BY BOAD, WITH THE ENTENT FUND AND CEAO EACH CONTRIBUTING 25 PERCENT.

3. COMMENT: ENTENTE FUND OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THIS IS THE FIRST COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG THE THREE INSTITUTIONS, BUT SAID IT IS A HARBINGER OF THINGS TO COME. NO SPECIFIC FUTURE PROJECTS, HOWEVER, WERE MENTIONED . END COMMENT. STEARNS

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